

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-9 remain pending. By this communication, the disclosure, drawings, and claim 8 are amended.

In numbered paragraph 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, the drawings stand objected to for alleged informalities. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution the drawings and the disclosure are amended to address the Examiner's concerns. Withdrawal of this rejection, therefore, is respectfully requested.

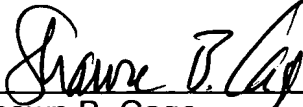
In numbered paragraph 3 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution claim 8 has been amended. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-7. Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims (1-9) and this application are in condition for allowance. In the event any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants representative identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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